

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application.

1. (Currently amended) A ~~composition comprising a phenolic antioxidant-chromium complex that is therapeutic for treating hyperglycemia, wherein the phenolic antioxidant has no pro-oxidation activity and wherein the phenolic antioxidant is in a purified tannin fraction of plant origin.~~
2. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 1, wherein the hyperglycemia is due to a diabetic condition.
3. - 5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 1, wherein the chromium content in the complex is 0.01 to 20% of the complex.
7. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 6, wherein the chromium content in the complex is from 0.02 to 10%.
8. (Canceled).
9. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 1, wherein the ~~phenolic antioxidant tannin fraction~~ comprises low molecular weight hydrolyzable tannin having a molecular weight below 2,000.
10. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 9, wherein the phenolic antioxidant is obtained from the genus Phyllanthus, Terminalia, Gardenia, Geranium, Erodium or Tamarix.
11. (Currently amended) The ~~composition complex~~ of claim 9, wherein the hydrolyzable tannin is obtained from Phyllanthus emblica (syn. Emblica officinalis), Phyllanthus amarus, Phyllanthus flexus, other Phyllanthus species, Terminalia bellerica, other Terminalia species, Erodium pelagonium, Geranium thunbergii, Tamarix aphylla or other Tamarix species.
12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 11, wherein the hydrolyzable tannin is obtained from the Phyllanthus emblica fruit.

14. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1, A phenolic antioxidant-chromium complex that is therapeutic for treating hyperglycemia, wherein the phenolic antioxidant has no pro-oxidation activity and wherein the phenolic antioxidant comprises oxygenated dibenzo- α -pyrone (DBP) or a DBP conjugate and fulvic acid.

15. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 14, wherein the oxygenated dibenzo- α -pyrone (DBP) or DBP conjugate, comprises dimers and oligomers.

16. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 1, wherein the phenolic anti-oxidant is in combination with a second phenolic anti-oxidant-chromium complex, wherein the second phenolic antioxidant is obtained from Phyllanthus emblica and purified a purified fraction of fulvic acid and phenolic compounds from Shilajit.

17-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) A formulation of the composition complex of claim 1, wherein the phenolic antioxidant chromium complex is combined with and a pharmaceutically or nutritionally acceptable excipient.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 1, further comprising an additional active ingredient.

25. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 24, wherein the additional active ingredient is an antioxidant, vitamin, carnitine, carnosine, N-acetyl-L-cysteine, biotin, policosanol, aminoguanidine, fatty acid or plant extract, or mixtures thereof.

26. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 7, wherein the chromium content in the complex is from 1 to 8% of the complex.

27. (Currently amended) The composition complex of claim 491, wherein the molecular weight of the tannin in said tannin fraction is below 1,000.

28. (Withdrawn) A method of treatment for hyperglycemia which comprises administering to a mammal the composition of claim 1.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the hyperglycemia is the result of a diabetic condition.

30. (Previously presented) The formulation of claim 22, wherein the phenolic antioxidant-chromium complex has 10 to 1,000 µg of chromium content.

31-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) The ~~composition-complex~~ of claim 3+14, wherein the ~~phenolic antioxidant is oxygenated dibenzo- α -pyrone (DBP), α -DBP conjugate or fulvic acid of is from purified Shilajit.~~

34. (Currently amended) The ~~composition-complex~~ of claim 31, wherein the phenolic antioxidant-chromium complex has 10 to 1,000 µg of chromium and is combined with a pharmaceutically or nutritionally acceptable excipient.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the composition is administered once or twice a day.

36. (Currently amended) The ~~composition-complex~~ of claim 15, wherein the oxygenated dibenzo- α -pyrone (DBP), DBP conjugate, and fulvic acid are obtained from purified Shilajit.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (New) The complex of claim 14, wherein the phenolic antioxidant-chromium complex has 10 to 1,000 µg of chromium and is combined with a pharmaceutically or nutritionally acceptable excipient.